

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-9. (Cancelled).

Claim 10. (Original) A method of providing a voice user interface comprising:
creating a user profile having preference information for a user; and
providing a virtual host with a consistent personality defined in accordance with
the user profile.

Claim 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the preference
information comprises information defining a tone of voice for the virtual host.

Claim 12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the preference
information comprises information defining a speed of voice for the virtual host.

Claim 13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the preference
information comprises information defining a background for the virtual host.

Claim 14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the preference
information comprises information defining a sex for the virtual host.

Claim 15. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the preference information comprises information defining an accent for the virtual host.

Claim 16. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the preference information comprises information defining a conversational style for the virtual host.

Claim 17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
determining a history of user experience with the voice user interface; and
adjusting the conversational style based on the history of the user experience.

Claim 18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the conversational style is associated with a formality level, and wherein adjusting comprises reducing the formality level as the history of user experience increases.

Claims 19-55. (Cancelled).